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# EXPLANATION.

This Pedigree, from William of Wolverhampton, temp. 1423 to Thos., born about 1517, is founded on a Pedigree approved by R. Cook's "Heraldum Cestriensem in visitatione apud Vervicum, 10th July, 1564" (see Dogdale's Hist. of Warwickshire., Vol. 1, p. 625), as corrected by the late Evelyn Shirley, Esq., an Antiquary of great repute, and published by him in Vol. 6 of the Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica. From there, down to and including Thomas Underhill, baptized 1663, Mr Shirley is my principal authority, but I have omitted some immaterial details, with regard to which, from researches in ancient Chancery Proceedings, fines, recoveries, Royalist composition papers, and other documents preserved in the Record Office, I am of opinion that he has fallen into error. From and including the said Thomas Underhill, my authorities consist of Family Records and Bibles, the Parish Registers at Sedgley, and information supplied to me by various members of the family, to all and each of whom my thanks are due. In short, the only point on which there is any reasonable doubt, is whether Thos. Underhill, who was baptized at Alderminster in 1663, is the same Thos. Underhill who was married to Eliz. Perrins at Sedgley in 1687, and who was undoubtedly and clearly our Ancestor. My reasons for believing them to be identical are as follows:— (1) A persistent tradition in the family traceable a long way back, that a branch of the Eatington family settled at Gornal, and constituted our Ancestors. (2) The fact that for at least a century, the descendants of our Ancestors have certainly used the arms of the Eatington Underhills (the Rev. John of Liverpool used them along with his wife's (Miss Green) *per pale* in the beginning of the present century). At that date it was very unusual to usurp arms. Moreover, a usurper would almost certainly have adopted the *red* chevron of Sir Hercules, the great man of the family, and a Wolverhampton landowner. (3) The fact that Thomas (bapt. 1663) exactly fills, in point of time, the place allotted to him in the above Pedigree. (4) The fact that if he is *not* the connecting link with Eatington, no other seems to me (after considerable research) possible. (5) That the Sedgley Registers contain no entry of the

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